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MINNESOTA PLANT MATERIALS ANNUAL PLAN - 2008

The State Plant Materials Committee met on December 11-12, 2007 and developed the Minnesota State Annual Plan for 2008.

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The following are action items for the 2008 Plant Materials Program:

ACTION ITEM	WHO	START	END
1. Provide species, technical guidance, plant materials, and assistance in bio-engineering streambank/ lakeshore stabilization projects. Highlight success stories of completed bio-engineering projects.	Tober Kopp Flynn	Ongoing	
2. Keep field personnel informed on current developments in the plant materials program through regular meetings of area committees and minutes, PMC Activity Reports, and Technical Reports.	Martinek Area Chairs	Ongoing	
3. Encourage area plant materials committees to maintain a high level of visibility and activity for the benefit of all area personnel. Promote inter-area technology transfer.	ECS Staff Area Committee Tober	Ongoing	

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ACTION ITEM		WHO	START	END
4.	Collect seed of Virginia wild rye and cupplant.	Tober, Flynn Area Res. Cons	03/08	07/08
5.	Provide technical assistance to grass seed growers and nurseries.	Tober	Ongoing	
6.	Send 1 person per area to the Plant Materials Center Training in Bismarck, North Dakota.	Martinek Flynn Oja	05/08	09/08
7.	Conduct annual winter planning meeting of the State Plant Materials Committee.	Flynn Martinek Tober	12/08	12/08
8.	Conduct area level information programs to provide education & training to field offices on prevention and control of invasive species.	Flynn ARCs	03/08	12/08
9.	Provide plant materials information to all tribes.	Tober Wise Outreach Coordinator	Ongoing	
10.	Complete Final Report on the perennial food plot efforts at the PMC.	Tober Oja	12/07	12/08
11.	Distribute final report on Fugels Mills OCEP.	Mike Knudson Tober	01/08	12/08
12.	Continue to support the demonstration & educational plantings at the Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College.	Wise Tober	Ongoing	
13.	Continue to support plant materials demonstration at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center.	State Committee Jim Schafer	Ongoing	
14.	Search for & distribute existing information on a seedling ID Guide for Wetland plants.	Oja Lenore Marken Wetland Specialists	12/07	12/08
15.	Encourage attendance at the MN Aquatic & Terrestrial Invasive Plants Conference.	Flynn State Committee	10/27/06	10/28/08
16.	Support the National Ash Seed Collection Initiative.	State Committee	03/08	12/08

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17.	Distribute the <u>Living Landscapes</u> brochure for use in Minnesota.	Martinek Kopp Tober Gregg Thompson	01/08	12/08
18.	Disseminate updated information to field offices on biomass and cellulosic energy.	State Committee	Ongoing	
19.	Promote the use of the cover crop practice by providing information through fact sheets, promoting attendance at field days and educational workshops.	Martinek State Committee	12/07	12/08
20.	Continue to encourage the use of diverse species in conservation tree planting practices.	Kopp Lemmerman	Ongoing	

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OFF CENTER EVALUATION PLANTINGS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has entered into cooperative agreements with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other state and federal agencies for evaluation of plant materials for conservation use at these locations:

Study 38I318K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, West Central Research and Outreach Center, Morris, Minnesota.

Study 38I342K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, North Central Research and Outreach Center, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Cooperative with Itasca County SWCD.

Study 38A347K, Field Evaluation of Woody Plant Materials, University of Minnesota, Becker Research Farm, Becker, Minnesota. In cooperation with the University of Minnesota and the Anoka Sand Plain Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

FIELD, SEED INCREASE, AND SPECIAL PLANTINGS

All requests for plant materials were reviewed in relation to the needs and priorities indicated in the Minnesota Long-Range Program.

All active field plantings will be evaluated in 2008 (see attached list of active plantings). In addition, high priority will be given to evaluate active plantings of species that have been scheduled to be released in the near future.

The district conservationist is responsible for recording the information requested and scheduling evaluations needed to secure data in a timely manner.

VARIETY RELEASE

Documentation will be completed for the formal release of McKenzie Black Chokeberry.

PLANT SEED COLLECTION

Collect Virginia wild rye and cup plant seeds.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANT MATERIALS ACTIVITIES - 2008

When	Who	Where	What
5/5-8	FO Staff, Tober Kopp Martinek	Morris Becker Grand Rapids Cloquet	Spring Evaluation and Planting - woody OCEPs other plots
8/18-22	FO Staff, Tober Kopp	Morris, Becker Grand Rapids	OCEP Evaluations, measure trees
8/12-14	PMC Staff, Selected MN FO/AO	Bismarck, ND	Plant Materials Center Training
8/26-27	State Cons, Flynn	Watertown, SD	Tri-State Advisory Committee
10/27-28	PM Committee, NRCS & SWCD employees	Duluth, MN	Aquatic & Terrestrial Invasive Plants Conference
12/9-10	Tober, ECS, State PM Committee	St. Cloud	State PM Committee Mtg.